

Regional Canada Goose Management

Goose Population Management

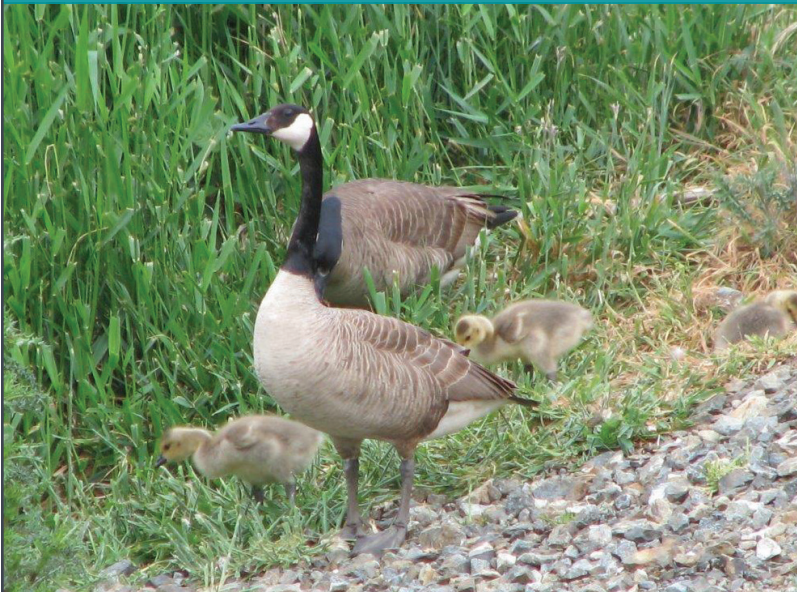
Information Sheet



Capital Regional District | 2025

Regional Goose Population Surveys

Population surveys are an important component of the regional Canada Goose Management Strategy. The collected data will play a crucial role in shaping future wildlife management decisions in the region. CRD staff want to work with the agricultural community, local First Nations and stewardship groups to conduct coordinated population surveys of Canada geese.



Our Regional Canada Goose Population

In 2024, a Regional Canada goose moult survey indicated that over 6,500 Canada geese reside in the capital region over the spring and summer. It is estimated that this number increases to 8,000 – 11,000 over the winter as migrating geese are drawn in by the non-migratory resident population and the regions' rich agricultural fields and wetlands. Understanding their attractants, seasonal movements, abundance and locations will help us identify problem areas and how to better apply management programs.

Upcoming Regional Canada Goose Population Surveys

1. Regional Canada Goose Winter Survey

In the fall and winter, non-migratory resident Canada geese move around the region and spend more time grazing on farmlands, estuaries, parks and recreational fields. These geese can act as an attractant, bringing more migrant sub-species into these areas, increasing their impacts and inflating the population. The Regional Canada goose winter survey utilizes drones with heat cameras to survey geese over large areas.

When: February 3 and 4, 2025

2. Regional Canada Goose Moulting Survey

In late June and July, Canada geese will moult their flight feathers and congregate with their young of the year, near bodies of water. At this time, they are unable to fly and will stay in their chosen area for long periods, presenting a unique opportunity to conduct an accurate population count that includes young of the year, with little chance of overlapping results.

When: June 23-27, 2025

Help Track Canada Geese with Goose Watch

Do you see Canada geese in your neighbourhood or grazing in your fields? Join Goose Watch and contribute to tracking the seasonal movements and patterns of our local Canada goose population.

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It's Easy to Participate!

Download form at:



<https://arcg.is/rbC110>

or scan the QR code below to input your observations.



You can put in observations every day or even multiple times a day if you come across new sightings.

Learn More and Get Involved

Contact us at goose@crd.bc.ca or 250.360.3196.



To learn more about the management of non-migratory resident Canada geese:
www.crd.bc.ca/goose

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